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### **DETAILED ACTION**

1. This office action is responsive to communication filed on February 22, 2008.

#### ***Response to Amendment***

2. The Amendment filed February 22, 2008 will not be entered because it raises new issues which would require further search and/or consideration. For instance, the amended claim 1 recites that said buffer memory is, "connected to output said image data only to said compression unit". It appears that Applicant has brought limitations previously found in claim 12 into claim 1. This amendment further limits claim 1, but additionally limits claims 2, 13 and 14, which depend from claim 1, but did not originally include the newly found limitation of claim 1. Therefore, amended claims 2, 13 and 14 are more specific than the original claims 2, 13 and 14 and would thus require further search and/or consideration. Claim 15 recites, "wherein said first and second buffer memories are connected to receive only said image data from said image processing unit and connected to output said image data only to said compression unit". It appears that Applicant has brought limitations previously found in claim 17 into claim 15. This amendment further limits claim 15, but additionally limits claims 16 and 18, which depend from claim 15, but did not originally include the newly found limitation of claim 15. Therefore, amended claims 16 and 18 are more specific than the original claims 16 and 18 and would thus require further search and/or consideration.

#### ***Conclusion***

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